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Inspection Report

Supervisor

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Date of Report: October 24, 2007

Mine Name: Two More Feet
Operator Name: Scott Higley

Permit number: S0130007
Inspection Date: September 12, 2007
Time: 11:20-11:35 AM

Inspector(s): Paul Baker
Other Participants: None
Mine Status: Inactive

Weather: Clear, 50s

Elements of Inspection

1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control
4. Deleterious Material
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)
6. Concurrent Reclamation
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)
8. Water Impoundments
9. Soils
10. Revegetation
11. Air Quality
12. Other

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Purpose of Inspection:

This was a routine inspection.

Inspection Summary:

1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds

The Division holds a cash reclamation surety (on deposit with the State Treasurer) in the amount of \$3000.00.

On May 23, 2007, the Division approved an amendment where the operator reduced the size of the operation to less than one acre. The actual disturbance is much less than this.

12. Other

When I last visited this site in 2003, it had consisted of some log cribbing with logs and a tarp for the roof. The operator has now built a more permanent structure with steel and log siding and a steel roof (Photos 1-3). One of the pieces of siding was loose which allowed me to look inside and take Photo 4.

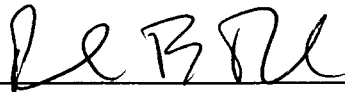
The interior of the structure has a floor, but the operator explained to me in a 2003 phone conversation that it is a false floor and that he has been taking some material from a fissure near the small shaft.

The operator had previously been concerned about erosion around the shaft, but I did not notice any accelerated erosion. I did not look to see whether there was evidence the operator had seeded as was planned in 2003.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

I suggest that the operator better secure the metal siding. This site is remote and difficult to find unless a person knows where it is, but there is still the potential for vandalism and theft. The shaft is shallow enough—at least the portion I could see—that I don't believe there is much danger to the public.

Inspector's Signature



Date:



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cc: Scott Higley
Dave Herron, Duchesne Ranger District, Ashley National Forest

Attachment: Photos

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ATTACHMENT

Photographs

S0130007, Two More Feet, Scott Higley

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Photo 1. This and Photos 2 and 3 show various views of the above-ground portion of the structure.



Photo 3. Another view of the structure.



Photo 2. Part of the siding was loose.



Photo 4. A view inside the structure.